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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 9193  
Kazuaki OKUNO et al. )  
Application No.: 10/573,821 ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
Filed: March 28, 2006 ) Examiner: Sheridan L. Swope

For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD USING OmpT PROTEASE VARIANT

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**&**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 16, 2010, the Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application. Applicants petition herewith a ONE-month extension of time, extending the period of response until June 16, 2010.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.

**Exhibits 1-3** are attached hereto.